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1. The former Schichau Shipyards at Elblag are undergoing a complete transformation and their use as a naval construction center is now ended.
2. This plant is to become a center for the manufacture and repair of heavy machinery. At present, all activity at the plant consists in its restoration and conversion.
3. The dismantling of the slipways and of the cranes used in removing them is almost finished. All this material is being taken to the naval shipyards at Gdansk.
4. The stamping of parts for the torpedo boats which were under construction at the end of the war is completed, while the stamping of the submarine sections is still in progress. At the end of the war there were 300 or 400 sections of small-tonnage submarine in these shipyards; all are to be salvaged.
5. Numerous new machine tools (lathes, milling machines, drillers, etc.) have recently arrived from the United States and Italy and are now being installed. The one part of the plant which is now completed and is working at full capacity is the foundry.
6. A German hospital ship which was left here at the end of the war was removed by Soviet tug boats at the end of December and taken to an unknown destination.
7. The factory recently made repairs on the vehicles of the Polish regiment stationed in the town.
8. The factory is very short of specialists, and accidents are very frequent in the shops.

**Comments:**

- a. This plant, which is located along the canal, must not be confused with the locomotive factory, which is located near the central railroad station. The latter has also been recently reconstructed and is now operating.

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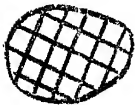
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- b. The town of Elblag is certainly destined to become an industrial center. In addition to the two plants mentioned above, the following will soon be in operation: a preserves factory, a candy factory, and a tobacco factory. Elblag is the one town in the area where the construction of housing is proceeding at a rapid pace.
- c. The rapid reconstruction of the town and of the two principal factories, the fact that a Russian-gauge railroad is to connect Elbag with the USSR, and the as yet unconfirmed report that this railroad is to have a section ending at the former Schichau Shipyards all lead to the supposition that the Russians have a very special interest in this future industrial town. It is almost certain that the former Schichau Shipyards will work for the USSR.
- d. The appended sketch is not to scale and is very schematic.

Key to Attachment I

- A Former Schichau Shipyards
- B Locomotive Factory
- C Central Railroad Station
- D Air Field
- E City Railroad Station
- F Temporary Bridge
- G Entrance to the Shipyards



Area of major destruction (75 to 100 percent). The rest of the town suffered less.

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